

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2021-13
July 6, 2021

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Robert Meffley, Council President
Jackie Gregory, Vice President
William H. Coutz, Council Member
Al Miller, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member

NOTE: The recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org/council.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of July 6, 2021 was called to order by Council President Meffley at 7:00 p.m. Council President Meffley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilman Miller introduced Pastor Tim Beardsley from Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Rising Sun who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of July 6, 2021. Motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of June 15, 2021. Motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane Maeser, Edgewood, commented on management at Indian Acres
Ray Nickson, Earleville, commented on poor road condition at Indian Acres.
Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented in support of ban on vaccine passports and opposition to Resolution No. 33-2021.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Coutz thanked the audience for attending. He attended the ribbon cutting for Enzo's NY Square Pizza. He toured Bainbridge to see their progress and then toured several sites in Aberdeen to see examples of logistics centers. He attended the Arts Council's exhibition by

J.B. Henry and commented on the artist's remarkable talents. He attended the Salute to Veterans at the VFW Post in North East and joined Hank Passi for the celebration. He reported on the Sheriff's Intel statistics that mental health calls increased during the last month.

Vice President Gregory thanked the audience for attending and expressed her hope that everyone had a nice Independence Day holiday. She attended the art exhibit of J.B. Henry at the Arts Council and encouraged others to visit the art show, which will continue until July 31. She also attended the Salute to Veterans celebration and commented that it was their thirtieth year that the event has been held.

Councilman Miller participated in the Juneteenth service at Wright's AME church with Pastor Kevin Brown. He attended the Safetyville graduation at Rising Sun High School, which was the largest number of graduates ever held in Cecil County. He attended the Salute to Veterans and commended James Wade, Maryland State Commander of the VFW, for his outstanding comments. He was pleased to hear that a recent School of Technology graduate in diesel technology was hired by Allan Myers, a regional construction company.

Councilman Patchell stated that there have been a large number of tournaments held at Calvert Park, including 170 girl's lacrosse teams. He thanked Rebecca Lynn from Animal Control for taking care of a raccoon problem.

Council President Meffley stated that he attended many events this week. He attended the Sheriff's Intel meeting and spoke to several deputies about their experiences. He met with Sheriff Adams to discuss the proposed residential noise ordinance. He commended the organizers for the Salute to Veterans celebration for the speakers and music. He stated that he has not received any complaints about Indian Acres recently.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 35-2021 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Application Finalists – FY 2022

A Resolution to approve twelve applications as FY 2022 Application Finalists to be submitted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on July 6, 2021, and scheduled for consideration on July 20, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 36-2021 Appointment—Bainbridge Development Corporation – Toni Sprenkle

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Toni Sprenkle as the Executive Director of the Bainbridge Development Corporation.

Dan Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued. Councilman Coutz and President Meffley commended the BDC for their progress.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on July 6, 2021, and scheduled for consideration on July 20, 2021.

Council President Meffley stated that **Resolution No. 37-2021** was withdrawn at the request of the sponsor.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 38-2021 Appointment - Historic District Commission – Karl Fockler

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Karl H. Fockler made by the County Executive to the Historic District Commission, to a three-year term to expire July 20, 2024.

There were no comments from the administration. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on July 6, 2021, and scheduled for consideration on July 20, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 39-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Debt Service Fund – Public Library

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in order to provide an additional \$190,000 to the General Fund-Cecil County Public Library Allocation. The Resolution will reduce the General Funds' Inter-Operating Transfer to the Debt Service Fund, due to lower interest expense in FY2022 as a result of the refinancing of the County's debt. This decrease in the inter-operating transfer will provide the increase to the library's operating allocation.

Mr. Schneckenburger provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on July 6, 2021, and scheduled for consideration on July 20, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 40-2021 Approval - Public Safety Radio System Maintenance – Multiple Year Contract

A Resolution to approve a ten (10) year agreement between the County and Motorola Solutions, Inc. to purchase Maintenance Support and Lifecycle Management services in the amount of \$4,531,955.43 to support the County's public safety radio system.

Mr. Schneckenburger provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on July 6, 2021, and scheduled for consideration on July 20, 2021.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 41-2021 Amendment - Water and Sewer – Sewer Use – Connection Fee

A Resolution to amend the Water and Sewer policy to determine the wastewater connection charge from a subdivision proposal or approval at the time of issuance of the building permit.

Mr. Schneckenburger provided comments. Council questions and comments ensued. Councilman Coutz clarified that there were no current litigation with current developers. Council President Meffley clarified that the connection fee will increase from \$6,000 to \$12,000 on July 31, 2021 when the discount legislation sunsets.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on July 6, 2021, and scheduled for consideration on July 20, 2021.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 31-2021 Supplemental Appropriation-Grant Funds- Animal Services – Officer Certification Training

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in order to provide a total of \$2,369 to the Department of Community Services- Animal Services Division to record the training grant awarded from the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) for the purpose of funding an officer's certification through the National Animal Control Association.

The Resolution was introduced on June 15, 2021, and scheduled for final consideration on July 6, 2021.

Mr. Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 31-2021, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y

The motion was approved unanimously

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 33-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds – Prevention and Overdose Response and Trauma Support

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in order to provide up to \$38,871 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund-Human Services to record the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Inter-Agency Agreement between the Cecil County Health Department

and Cecil County. The agreement provides for the startup costs associated with the Prevention and Overdose Response and Trauma Supports (PORTS) initiative.

The Resolution was introduced on June 15, 2021, and scheduled for final consideration on July 6, 2021.

Mr. Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Vice President Gregory made a motion to approve Resolution No. 33-2021, which was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 34-2021 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant Funds - Broadband Expansion

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, in order to provide a total of \$605,915 to the Special Revenue Other Grants Fund-Information Technology to record the grant awarded from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, administered by the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband, for the purpose of bringing internet access to underserved areas of Cecil County.

The Resolution was introduced on June 15, 2021, and scheduled for final consideration on July 6, 2021.

Mr. Schneckenburger, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Councilman Coutz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 34-2021, which was seconded by Vice President Gregory.

Roll Call Vote: Coutz-Y, Miller-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory-Y, Meffley-Y
The motion was approved unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President Gregory, seconded by Councilman Coutz, Council President Meffley adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Council President Meffley announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The public may attend and participate. The legislative session will continue to be livestreamed in real time at the county's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council. The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the county's website as soon as possible.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Meffley
Council President